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### NEBRASKA JULY 1 WHEAT AND OAT PRODUCTION LOWER

LINCOLN, Neb., July 11, 2002 -- Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 43.5 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year's crop, 6 percent below last month's forecast, and lowest since 1944, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year's yield, 1 bushel above last month, and lowest since the 30 bushel yield recorded in 1992.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.45 million acres, 150,000 acres less than last year and the lowest since 975 thousand acres were harvested in 1917 . As of June 30, topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies were rated very short to short in the major wheat growing areas. Wheat harvest had a strong start the last week of June and was 27 percent complete by June 30.

**Oat** production is forecast at 3.6 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 80,000 acres, is up 20,000 acres from 2001. Yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre, down 16 bushels from the previous year.

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*See accompanying supplement for wheat district estimates.*

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### Winter Wheat: Acreage, Yield and Production by Nebraska Agricultural Districts, 2001-2002<sup>1</sup>

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Northwest	750.0	730.0	677.8	620.0	32.2	22.5	21,815.2	13,921.0
North	13.0	16.0	9.1	14.0	39.8	32.0	362.2	448.0
Northeast	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.0	40.4	32.0	48.5	64.0
Central	23.0	20.0	17.5	18.0	42.0	35.0	734.8	630.0
East	22.0	22.0	18.3	21.0	42.3	37.0	775.0	777.0
Southwest	575.0	515.0	539.8	450.0	39.2	30.0	21,141.7	13,500.0
South	200.0	190.0	184.8	180.0	44.5	40.0	8,232.6	7,200.0
Southeast	165.0	155.0	151.5	145.0	40.2	48.0	6,090.0	6,960.0
Nebraska	1,750.0	1,650.0	1,600.0	1,450.0	37.0	30.0	59,200.0	43,500.0

<sup>1</sup> Current year forecast as of July 1, 2002.